

5 WITNESSES IDENTIFY SPAN FIGURE AS BERRIA

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2.—That he was accompanied by two other men, one a Spaniard, the other described as a foreigner.

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Witnesses in Spain Call Fugitive Beria

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liquidate him before he could trade Russian secrets for a sanctuary.

The rendezvous arranged for contact with the so-called Beria was a beach in front of a large farm located between Malaga and Gibraltar on the Mediterranean coast.

The man carried out specific arrangements which had been made with Gallo, and appeared at the appointed time on the designated beach, walking with two companions. The promise, according to police investigation of the case, was to be surrender to a qualified representative of the United States.

Gallo, however, did not appear at the rendezvous—he was in custody of local Malaga police at the time as a result of refusal to give information to a man claiming to be a representative of the United States.

This agent, when Gallo refused to cooperate with him on the ground he had not properly identified himself, called Malaga police and Gallo was held for questioning.

It was in this manner that the Spanish national police entered the case. When they established the facts, they offered full cooperation and ordered Gallo's release to carry out any new arrangements which could be made.

By that time, however, the man claiming to be Beria had disappeared—either from the country or deep into Spain's interior.

Spanish police conducted an intense search of the Malaga area, and turned up five witnesses who identified photographs of the real Beria as the man they had seen in the region.

Owners of Farm Also Are Certain

Three of these persons were Spanish people of relatively high position who owned the farm at which the rendezvous was to take place. They were on the beach at the time, they told police, and saw three strange men strolling along the edge of the water.

This was an unusual sight, as the farm is located a mile from the highway and in a lonely section of the coast. The three all identified pictures of Beria as one of the three men. One other, they said, was obviously a Spaniard and the other they described as a foreigner.

The arrangements for the beach rendezvous were made as the result of a meeting Gallo said he originally had with the man claiming to be Beria in Gibraltar. At that time Gallo was unable to deliver any assurances from the United States and a second meeting was scheduled.

The final meeting, to deliver the papers from Sen. McCarthy, was never held, as a result of Gallo's arrest.

Beria, who as head of the Russian secret police organized Red espionage through much of the world, was revealed as purged July 9 when Beria was executed.

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Gallo, wealthy Nicaraguan who dabbles in revolution and international politics, turned up in the United States and told The San Diego Union he had been asked to serve as an intermediary for four high Communists who wanted sanctuary in this country.

He asked The San Diego Union to place him in touch with high government officials. Later, in Spain, Gallo notified The San Diego Union and government officials that one of the men was Beria and he wanted guarantees from either President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon or Sen. McCarthy.

The exact source of Gallo's information has never been disclosed, though it is believed to be someone in Spain. Police are inclined to doubt that Beria could have parachuted into Spain, as originally thought possible, and pointed out any one in his official capacity could have had access to any foreign documents or passports needed to cross any border.

CPYRGHT

TWO SEEKING BERIA CLUES

Georgia Tech, Michigan and Maryland, all rated among the country's top teams, rebounded new victories. Georgia Tech defeated Tulane, 27-13; Michigan edged Iowa, 14-13, and Maryland routed Georgia, 40-13.

Other major scores:
Pitt. 14, Nebraska 6
Oklahoma 19, Texas 14,
Baylor 14, Arkansas 7,
Duke 20, Purdue 14,
Clemson 20, Wake Forest 14.

Complete scores, stories and pictures appear on the sports pages starting this morning's San Diego Union.

Indian Officials Review Nation's Fleet

The fleet included the battleship Delhi, six destroyers, three frigates, two survey ships, and seven minesweepers. It was the first review of the fleet since the Republic was established in Bombay Harbor.

take them out in groups of 10 or 12 and will shoot them or hang them."

Knowland said this would therefore be twisted into a propaganda device to attempt to prove that guarantees of safe conduct given by the U. N. Command before the prisoners surrendered were valueless.

CONCEPTS UNCHANGED

The senator said he saw nothing in the Far East to indicate that the concept of Leningrad, Soviet leaders have abandoned that the road to Paris is through Leningrad.

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the determination to maintain a free world of free men if they work together in their collective common defense," he said. Knowland, who returned this week from a six-week globe-trotting tour, reported unrest in satellite nations and in the Soviet Union itself.

the city of Trieste be made an autonomous unit under Italian administration. But he said his surroundings which make up the remainder of Zone A should also be incorporated with Zone B under an autonomous Yugoslav unit for a period of at least 10 years.

"This is the only solution left which I see," Tito said. If the western powers ignore it, there will be no peace in this part of Europe."

Previously, Tito had proposed the internationalization of Trieste and the internationalization of Trieste

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SEES TEST AHEAD**

Reinforced police guards, with drawn overnight from the American and British embassies in Belgrade, reappeared this afternoon in case new demonstrations followed Tito's speech.

“VERY GOOD REASON
“That is no more than then United Nations was set up to do,” Churchill said. “We are told the League treaty failed and did not prevent the war. There was a

United States was not treaty).

and made the same exertions and sacrifices and run the same risks to preserve peace and uphold freedom, which I thank God she is doing now, there might never have been a first war and therefore

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—The key figure in the greatly one United States are strong indications the mystery is Pablo Gallo, a member fanatical anti-Red

United States or Spain soon will of a wealthy Nicaraguan coffee-planter family. Gallo is described as a statement on the fantas-

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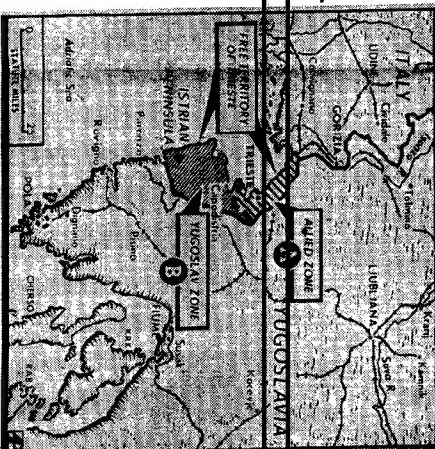
Rembert James, The San Diego Union's military editor, and Gene Fuson, San Diego staff writer, are in Madrid investigating Lavrenty Beria's reported escape from Russia. James, a former Associated Press foreign correspondent, was chief of the AP Moscow bureau in 1945 and 1946. He speaks and reads Russian and saw Beria in person on many occasions during his years in Russia.

9. Premier Malenkov of Russia announced the exposure of Beria as a "traitor and tool of foreign imperialists. This was a bombshell. Since Stalin's death, Beria had been regarded as the No. 2 man in the Kremlin. He headed 13

**HOLIDAY FOR
ONLY A FEW**

Barms, hitherto closed on the holiday, will be open, and so will federal offices, private city, county and private schools, with exception of St. Augustine High School. However, city, county and state offices and the Public Library will close. Parking meters will do business as usual.

ISLAND
PENINSULA
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President Tito of Yugoslavia sent troops into Zone B of Trieste today as his answer to decision by the United States and Britain to turn Zone A over to Italy for administration. Violent anti-Italian riots were reported in Zone B of the troubled area.—Associated Press Wirephoto Map.

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U.S. STATEMENT ON BERIA EXPECTED

(Continued from Page 1) Washington leaked a rumor that plates and appearance of the key figure in theigsaw. Beria was out of Russia. The car in which he met Gallo returned to Madrid sev-

secret police and as minister of the interior was chief of the Soviet secret police. Gallo was reported with relatives in or near the capital.

He headed the spy network which included the late following: Fuchs, who contrived to give Russia the secrets which enabled the Reds to smash American mastery of atomic and hydrogen weapons.

SENATOR HAD DOUBTS The San Diego Union published a copyrighted story that Fuchs had met an intermediary claim-

ing to represent Beria. Later, McCarthy announced in Wash-

ington that he was investigating the supposed escape. Still later, the senator said the situation be-

gan to look "more and more like a hoax."

Meanwhile, ABC, a Madrid newspaper, said it had received reports Beria had parachuted into Spain's Mancha region — scene of the fictional exploits of Don Quixote de la Mancha.

International News Service has established that Gallo, in trans-

atlantic telephone talks from Malaga to McCarthy's agents in Washington, asserted that he was actually in direct contact with Beria.

Gallo, located in Torremolinos, a village near Malaga, was a long-time Soviet spy. He would find refuge in the United States.

The San Diego Union notified the President Nixon, a call-

forman McCarthy also was in-

formed through Francis Flan-

gan, chief counsel of the Wis-

consin senator's investigating subcommittee. Nixon referred the matter to the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency.

OTHER ASSURANCES The story developed further. Gallo said he was told by sev-

eral Soviet secret police agents that "Beria" and three of his aides escaped from Russia by plane and landed secretly at Malaga, Spain.

Gallo flew to Spain, to contact the supposed Beria, and negoti-

ate for his delivery to the United States. The San Diego Union as-

signed Fuchs to fly to Spain. These developments occurred between mid-August and Sept.

13, when a Senate source in-

the key figure in theigsaw. Gallo returned to Madrid sev-

ported with relatives in or near the capital.

In the course of their inves-

tigations, United States agencies conducted a detailed search for

Gallo's background and pre-

vious activities. They ascer-

tained that Gallo was the source

of earlier information to Mc-

Carthy's committee of a \$150,000

shakedown of a foreign country

by State Department personnel.

There the matter stands.

Old Time 'Keystone'

Of Films Succumbs

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 10 (AP) — James Henderson Finleyson, 66,

the "villain" in "Keystone Kops,"

movies of the silent screen era,

was found dead in bed yesterday,

apparently of a heart attack.

A fixture in Mack Sennett and

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Udo Amos, operator of a pri-

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he was told in Munich that a character player. In recent

years he had appeared in movie

These officials insist Gallo is and television shorts.

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